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1. HIGHLIGHTS. MAYAGUEZ STAYED ON FRONT PAGE FRIDAY THROUGH MONDAY; SATURDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGED KISSINGER SAYS SHIP ACTION SHOWED US FIRMNESS; SUNDAY BALTSUN FRONTPAGED MOSCOW TO INCREASE AID TO SAIGON. MONDAY BALTSUN FRONTPAGES KISSINGER MEETS GROMYKO; WASHPOST FRONTPAGES US, SOVIETS TO FOCUS ON ARMS LIMITS; NYTIMES FRONTPAGES GELB VIENNA, US WEIGHED USE OF B-52S IN MAYAGUEZ CRISIS. COMMENT SCATTERED.

1A. FRIDAY NYTIMES INSIDE HAD VIENNA CEREMONY MARKS 1955 TREATY; WASHPOST REPORTED HILL MEMBERS PROTEST FURTHER DEFENSE CUTS; WASHPOST CARRIED HALF-PAGE ADVERTISEMENT BY BUSINESS EXECUTIVES MOVE FOR NEW NATIONAL PRIORITIES WHICH ADVOCATED REVERSING ARMS RACE BY CUTTING DEFENSE BUDGET BELOW THIS YEAR'S FIGURE; POST ALSO CARRIED JACK ANDERSON COLUMN, SOVIETS' MICROWAVE ON LAKE LADOGA BEAMED AT DAKOTA MISSILES IS IMPAIRING FINNS' HEALTH.

1B. SATURDAY WASHPOST WORLD ROUNDUP SAID NINETEEN NATO AND WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES RESUMED TALKS IN VIENNA ON A MUTUAL REDUCTION OF FORCES IN EUROPE. NYTIMES REPORTED RUSSIAN OCEANOGRAPHER DEFECTS IN HONOLULU. SUNDAY PAPERS REPORTED HOUSTON PRACTICE FOR JOINT FLIGHT REVEALS LAGS ON COORDINATION. SUNDAY NYTIMES CLARITY LENINGRAD REPORTED US CONSUL MOVING TOWARD DE FACTO ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT BALTIC STATES ARE IN USSR.

1C. MONDAY NYTIMES REPORTS NATO MEETING THIS WEEK TO TACKLE ARMS STANDARDIZATION; WASHPOST REPORTS BROADER FRENCH ROLE IN NATO DRAWS CRITICS AT HOME.

2. KISSINGER-GROMYKO. MONDAY BALTSUN PARKS MOSCOW SAYS MEETING TAKES PLACE AT TIME WHEN BOTH NATIONS REGARD AMERICAN-SOVIET RELATIONS AS UNDER NEW STRAINS AS EACH COUNTRY HAS RECENTLY QUESTIONED THE EXTENT AND DEPTH OF THE OTHER'S COMMITMENT TO DETENTE, AND MOSCOW AGAIN MADE CLEAR IT REGARDS VIENNA MEETING AS POTENTIALLY OF PIVOTAL IMPORTANCE. PARKS SAYS GROMYKO'S STINGING PERSONAL ATTACK ON KISSINGER AS LEADER OF AN ANTI-DETENTE BACKLASH IN US SHOCKED AMERICAN OFFICIALS AND US SOURCES UNCLASSIFIED

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SAID SECSTATE WOULD HAVE SOME POINTED COMMENTS TO MAKE ON GROMYKO'S REMARKS WHICH WILL CERTAINLY COLOR THE VIENNA TALKS. SUN INSERTS AP REPORT THAT ON PLANE TO VIENNA A SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL SAID US MAY EASE ITS POSITION ON HOW TO POLICE AN AGREEMENT LIMITING MIRVS AND ADDED THAT PROGRESS ON THE MIRV-VERIFICATION ISSUE HAS BEEN GREATER THAN IS APPARENT AND NEW TREATY SHOULD BE READY FOR BREZHNEV'S PLANNED VISIT. HOWEVER, ACCORDING PARKS, IF

THE CONTEST OF WILLS CONTINUES BEYOND THE VIENNA TALKS, WESTERN DIPLOMATS IN MOSCOW SAY CSCE IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE THROUGH THE SUMMER AT GENEVA WITH LITTLE PROSPECT FOR A HELSINKI SUMMIT BEFORE LATE AUTUMN.

2A. MONDAY NYTIMES GELB VIENNA STRESSES US WAS CONSIDERING USE OF B-52S AGAINST CAMBODIAN MAINLAND IF CARRIER CORAL SEA HADN'T ARRIVED BY WEDNESDAY, ACCORDING TO A TOP US OFFICIAL ON VIENNA-BOUND PLANE. GELB ADDS RE SALT REPORTERS WERE TOLD US IS CONSIDERING A KEY COMPROMISE ON DISTINGUISHING DIFFERENT KINDS OF MISSILES THAT COULD LEAD TO SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS, BUT NO BREAKTHROUGH IS EXPECTED IN VIENNA AS OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON EXPLAINED GROMYKO IS NOT THE MAN WHO SPEAKS FOR MOSCOW ON NUCLEAR ARMS. GELB SAYS MAIN PURPOSE OF VIENNA TALKS WAS DESCRIBED AS A STOCK-TAKING OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS, AND WASHINGTON OFFICIALS HAVE PUBLICLY HINTED AT A SHIFT IN PRIORITIES,

WITH AMERICAN ALLIANCES BEING GIVEN GREATER RELATIVE EMPHASIS WHILST ADMINISTRATION AVOIDS APPEARING TOO LENIENT IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH MOSCOW, ALTHOUGH ONE AIDE EXPLAINED THIS SHOULD BE VIEWED AS A TACTICAL SHIFT TO COMPENSATE FOR INDOCHINA FAILURE RATHER THAN STRATEGIC CHANGE DUE TO SOURING OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

2B. MONDAY WASHPOST MARDER VIENNA STRESSES KISSINGER GROMYKO ARE EXPECTED TO EXPLORE A COMPROMISE TO BREAK A SALT STALEMATE, AND NEWSMEN WERE TOLD NSC'S VERIFICATION

PANEL MET AT WHITE HOUSE SATURDAY TO COORDINATE POLICY FOR TODAY'S MEETING, AND NOW US IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER OTHER MEANS OF DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN SINGLE AND MULTIPLE WARHEADS, PROVIDED THERE IS ADEQUATE VERIFICATION. UNCLASSIFIED

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TION OF WHAT TYPES ARE USED WITHIN THE ESTABLISHED CEILINGS. KISSINGER AND GROMYKO ARE NOT EXPECTED TO GET INTO TECHNICAL NEGOTIATIONS, SAYS MARDER, BUT TO CONCENTRATE ON A POLITICAL COMPROMISE, WITH RESULTS TO BE REVIEWED BY ANOTHER WHITE HOUSE MEETING SATURDAY. MARDER ADDS AMERICAN OFFICIALS HAVE CHOSEN TO TREAT GROMYKO'S REMARKS AS TIT-FOR-TAT TACTICS RATHER THAN BRISTLING OVER THEM.

3. FRIDAY NYTIMES VIENNA SPECIAL REPORTED THAT KUZNETSOV PRAISED AUSTRIAN NEUTRALITY, MENTIONED CSCE SPECIFICALLY AND STRESSED MOSCOW'S HOPE THAT THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL WILL DOUBTLESS SERVE AS A STABLE BASIS FOR PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE. SPECIAL ADDED ATTORNEY GENERAL LEVI SAID AUSTRIAN TREATY HAD PROVED ITSELF AS ONE OF THE MOST

SOLID AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF POSTWAR DETENTE  
IN EUROPE; AND FRANCE'S ABELIN SPOKE SIMILARLY.

4. COMMENT. MAY 6 SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE HAD EDITORIAL  
ON CURRENT REVIEW OF NPT IN GENEVA, NOTING RECENT WEAKEN-  
ING OF INTERNATIONAL CONTROL AND CONFINEMENT OF ATOM TO  
PEACEFUL USES ONLY, AND SAYING CHALLENGE OF KEEPING NPT  
STRONG IS GREATEST FOR SUPERPOWERS WHICH HAVE MOST TO  
LOSE BY SPREAD OF NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES TO LESS POWERFUL  
COUNTRIES. EDITORIAL SAYS OUTLOOK FOR NPT IS NOT  
WHOLLY BLEAK WITH CURRENT SAFEGUARD SYSTEM ACCEPTED BY  
THE HIGHLY ADVANCED NUCLEAR NATIONS AND WITH PROPOSALS FOR  
FURTHER TIGHTENING OF SAFEGUARDS PRESENTLY BEING OFFERED  
BY ELEVEN NATIONS. MAIN FLAW REMAINS PROBLEM OF ENFORCING  
PACT, AND PAPER AGREES WITH SMYTH THAT COMMUNITY OF  
NATIONS MUST BE WILLING TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTIONS TO DETER  
VIOLATORS IF PACT IS TO HAVE FORCE. INGERSOLL

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